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Beulah Good Pa.

August 11. 1862

My dear Jennie

I anxiously looked for a letter from you in to-days mail, but none came, so that I am left in doubt and painful suspense about your health. From what you said in your last note I should think that you had some apprehensions as to your health in future. I hope, dear, that such apprehensions will prove totally unfounded. But ~~let~~ let me say this much that if you are seriously threatened with any illness likely to prove dangerous or permanent, I must be with you. So tell me soon what your fears may be in that respect. I would go home - resign in a moment if my presence with you can contribute to your hap-

-piness or alleviate your sufferings. Of
course, ~~my~~ staying here, if your health
was good, would be mutually advanta-
geous to us. But this advantage cannot
be put against the heart-health-and
happiness of both or either of us.
We have a little of the world's goods
now and neither of us need to pick
up anties against nature-as I did
when I first enlisted. So Command
me home in this respect. I tried to
get home to see you but, as I told ^{you},
at the time, I failed on account of
others. I am not sure that I could
get ~~any~~ resignation accepted, but if there
is any occasion for my presence at
home with you, I will try hard.

Let me know your mind candid-
-ly and fully and believe me ever
at the service of my beloved ~~wife~~
wife.

We are still at Beverly you see
but we are on tip-toe for a "move"
Yours
Quincy